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SUBJECT: EWG MEETING, SEPT 13, BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING

REF: STATE 181399; STATE 181678

BEGIN SUMMARY: EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1973, TOOK UP TERMS OF REFERENCE (AC/281-D(73)2) FOR THE STUDY OF BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING AND AGREED TO A SMALL NUMBER OF CHANGES. THREE REPORTS ON BASIC ISSUES (WAR RESERVE STOCKS, SHELTER AND AIR FIELD PROTECTION PROGRAM, AND ARMOR/ANTI-ARMOR) WERE ALSO DISCUSSED BUT SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WERE POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 27 TO ALLOW TIME FOR COUNTRIES TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. E.W.G. REVIEWED TERMS OF REFERENCE (AC/281-D(73)2) ON BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING AND MADE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN TEXT OF PAPER;

A. PARA 2 WAS CHANGED TO READ, "IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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APPROVED NATO STRATEGY, HOWEVER, CONVENTIONAL FORCES OF ADEQUATE STRENGTH ARE NEEDED."

B. PARA 4 WAS CHANGED TO READ, "IT IS NOT THE INTENTION

OF THIS STUDY TO RECOMMEND NEW PROGRAMS, FORCE GOALS OR PRIORITIES, OR TO DUPLICATE OR JEOPARDISE THE EXISTING PROCESSES OF THE NATO FORCE PLANNING CYCLE AND DEFENSE REVIEW UNLESS OR UNTIL THE STUDY SHOWS THIS TO BE JUSTIFIED."

C. PARA 6; DELETE WORD "ADDITIONAL" SO THAT LAST PHRASE READS, "AND TO RECOMMEND A TIMETABLE FOR ANY EFFORTS NEEDED TO MEET ALL AGREED CRITERIA."

D. PARA 8; LAST SENTENCE DELETED AND FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTED;
"DURING THE COURSE OF THE STUDY THE EWG MAY INCLUDE AN EXAMINATION OF EXISTING CRITERIA AND THE NEED FOR ANY CHANGES THERETO."

2. A SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF THE THREE REPORTS ON BASIC ISSUES (AC/281-REPORT (73)15; AC/281-REPORT(73)16, AND AC/281-REPORT(73)17) WAS DELAYED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 27, TO ALLOW TIME FOR COUNTRIES TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS. US MADE PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN STATE 181678 ON WAR RESERVE STOCKS WHICH WILL BE MADE A PART OF THE DECISION SHEET AND DISCUSSED AT NEXT MEETING. US ALSO POSED NUMBER OF QUESTIONS (COPY BEING HANDCARRIED TO WASHINGTON SEPT 17 BY LTCOL ORMSBY) ONEACH OF THE REPORTS WHICH WE HOPE WILL STIMULATE SOME DISCUSSION WHEN REPORTS ARE TAKEN UP ON SEPTEMBER 27. MCAULIFFE

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